



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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U.S. EPA has obtained records kept by the Chemical Recovery Systems (CRS) facility in Elyria, Ohio. These records document some of the activity at the CRS site during the period when the CRS company was actively engaged in solvent recovery, bringing spent solvents to the site, operating distillation processes in an attempt to clean the dirty solvents, and selling reclaimed solvent. In addition, some of the records obtained document activities at the site during the period when the Obitts Chemical company, predecessor of CRS at the site, was engaged in similar activities.

U.S. EPA is enclosing with this letter copies of documents found in these records (*e.g.*, "dirty inventory" lists, entries from accounts receivable and accounts payable ledgers and from "purchase/payment journals;" some of these entries may, for some companies, refer to "drum charges" and "sludge disposal" charges) which name your company or an entity for whose liability U.S. EPA believes your company may be responsible.

U.S. EPA will be hosting a meeting in Chicago for the representatives of the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) identified by U.S. EPA for the CRS Site. This meeting is being tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 27.th The primary purpose of the meeting is to encourage and facilitate negotiations for an administrative Order on Consent to guide the parties in conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study of the site.

U.S. EPA has been providing information on the site to the PRPs as quickly as possible. U.S. EPA will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available to assist you in making decisions. U.S. EPA intends that site investigations will begin as soon as possible; therefore, U.S. EPA is establishing a target for execution of a Consent Order by no later than September 30, 2001.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Nash

